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# Cerritos sets opening date for housing

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The Board of Trustees finalized plans for the off-campus housing facilities last Wednesday, addressing the reported “basic needs insecurities” among the majority of students within schoolgrounds.

The property located at 1143-1149 Barnwall St. in Norwalk consists of seven townhome-style units with garages.

One unit contains two bed/baths while the other six include three bedrooms with three bathrooms.

Dr. Jose Fierro, president of Cerritos College, told the board they are planning to have these units tentatively opened on April 17.

“We’d like to obviously have the presence of the board there to kick off our first student housing facilities,” he said.

Felipe Lopez, campus official of Business/Fiscal Services, explained the property’s purpose is to “provide housing exclusively for Cerritos College students who are experiencing some type of homelessness or housing insecurity through a community partnership.”

According to statistics brought forward by Lopez, approximately 65% of students on campus experienced at least one form of basic needs insecurity in the past year.

“55% of those that were surveyed are ‘housing insecure’ which basically means respondents have difficulty paying their rent, their mortgage, and struggle paying a full amount of rent, mortgage, and/or utilities,” Lopez said.

“Of those that were also surveyed, 15% experienced homelessness, which under this definition means a person that does not have a stable place to live so there is definitely a need for this type of property for Cerritos College,” he added.

Commercial Real Estate Inspections, LLC, a third party company, inspected the property, including interior, exterior and sewer. The school has already received confirmation from the

Department of General Services - Division of State Architect that the units are sufficient for its intended purpose.

A follow-up inspection of the sewer line will be scheduled on Feb. 26 in regard to possible blockage noted in the original inspection.

The school has already reviewed and accepted the building, obtaining all construction, building plans and permits necessary to move forward.

With the recent approval from the Board of Trustees, escrow will take approximately 15 days to fully close and be recorded to the county.

Once done, the school will be provided keys and be able to occupy the property.

“This has been a long time coming,” Lopez said. “We’re very excited to be at this stage of the project, looking forward to getting this approved and move to the next step.”

The full fiscal impact of the housing plans is currently at \$3.8 million, paid from unrestricted general fund reserves.

The school set its plans in motion for off-campus student housing when the Board of Trustees authorized the Vice President of Business Services/Assistant Superintendent to enter into escrow and pay the \$100,000 deposit for the Barnwall property on Aug. 7, 2019.



KIANNA ZNIKA/TM

**Community Homes:** On Feb. 19, the Board of Trustees finalized the purchase of the Barnwall student housing units. Dr. Jose Fierro plans to have the property open to the students by April 17, 2020.

## Remebering the life and work of two icons

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Cerritos College students and faculty hosted a tribute to West Coast rapper, Nipsey Hussle and author, Toni Morrison, on Feb. 12 at the Liberal Arts Building.

The event educated attendees about the life and work of these two artists, while also providing a space for some students to share their own written tributes and read excerpts from Morrison’s books.

English instructor, Damon Cagnolatti, led the event and detailed the work and motivations of these two artists, along with pointing out the intersecting ideas they shared.

Cagnolatti noted that the tribute was inspired by the tidal wave of black art and music that fol-

lowed the death of Nipsey Hussle.

“Throughout LA and other communities you can see murals and street art highlighting the impact (Hussle) had made,” said Cagnolatti.

Both Morrison and Hussle had influences on black culture, and Cagnolatti hoped that discussing their work can bridge the divide between hip hop and literature.

Nipsey Hussle was an LA-born rap artist first known for his 2005 mixtape *Slauson Boy Vol. 1*. He released several popular titles afterwards such as *The Marathon* (2010) and *Crenshaw* (2013). His 2018 release *Victory Lap* was the last in Hussle’s discography.

Through his entrepreneurship and community activism, Hussle was able to fund countless projects for schools and extracurricular activities for disadvantaged youth to enjoy.

According to the video, Hussle would also make public commentary on what he felt were important to the black experience.

In doing so, Hussle learned more about his identity, and brought that self-awareness back to his community while also allowing it to influence his music.

His charity work and philanthropy was nonetheless inspired by his love for his people.

The event also featured pair of guest speakers from the Nipsey Hussle Book Club.

This club is localized in and focuses solely on the literature in Nipsey Hussle’s personal reading list.

Founders Maria Gates and Joe Gardina shared their own tributes and described that their way of honoring Hussle after his death was to continue his work in the community.

They began the Nipsey Hussle Book Club in Crenshaw, where members read the books that he read, also providing a constructive activity for youth in that community.

“This is our tribute to Nipsey

but also our tribute to our community,” said Gardina, “since we saw that the knowledge from those books created the man that Nipsey Hussle was, they must be able to do the same for us as well.”

Read more at [talonmarks.com](https://talonmarks.com)

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

#### Active Minds Club

##### QPR Training - Question, Persuade and Refer!

Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention is an educational program designed to teach lay and professional “gatekeepers” the warning signs of suicide crisis and how to respond.

**When:** Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Where:** SS-139 (Social Science building)

**RSVP:** - lafuente.adriana@gmail.com

#### Falcon Adventure Club

##### Love the outdoors!

Let’s go hiking 1x/month and camping 1x/semester together!

Next meeting

**When:** March 3 at 11 a.m.

**Where:** S-103 (Science building)

**Meetings happen at every 1st Tuesday of the month**

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CREATIVE COMMONS



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**Showing Support:** Bernie Sanders spoke on issues such as climate change, healthcare and higher education at his rally. The crowd was proudly standing with Sanders, shouting cheers on Feb. 21, 2020.

# 'Tio Bernie' thrills Santa Ana

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Introduced by Orange County Democratic Party chair Ida Presentio, Vermont's Junior Senator Bernie Sanders climbed onto the stage at Valley High School in Santa Ana on Friday, February 21st, to a cacophony of cheers. He began to address a throng of nearly 5000, then hesitated after the words "What this is" and looked about him. "This is a helluva turnout, that's what this is!"

Now the front-runner in the Democratic Party's race for the presidential nomination, Bernie has a different message: "It is not only the Wall Street establishment that are worried [about his campaign], or the Trump establishment, it is also the Democratic Party establishment."

Sanders is facing massive backlash from the Democratic National Committee (DNC), who once again changed their rules in mid-campaign to allow one-time New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg to participate in the Democratic Primary debate prior to the Nevada Caucuses, hoping he would prove a foil for the white-haired populist.

Instead, the newly-anointed Bloomberg was t-boned by Elizabeth Warren, who accused him of hiding numerous Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) with female employees whom he had sexually harassed. Warren challenged Bloomberg to free the women from the NDAs.

With Bloomberg deflated, Bernie, aka "America's Grand-

Dad" or "Tio Bernie" (Spanish for "Uncle Bernie") returned to the campaign trail, visiting Orange County before flying back (on coach class, his signature mode of travel) to Nevada to celebrate a massive victory in the Caucuses there on Saturday.

In Santa Ana, Bernie spoke clearly about the campaign ahead. "I am here to respectfully request your support and your vote. If we win in California, we will win the Democratic Nomination, and if

we win the nomination, Donald Trump is a one-term president."

This year, for the first time, the California primary will be held on "Super Tuesday", a conglomeration of states holding primaries and caucuses on the same day. Traditionally, California has held its primary in June, after all other states have finished theirs.

The Senator from Vermont, one of the smallest states, geographically and in population, is polling so well ahead of his rivals

in California that he may collect all of the largest state's delegates to the Democratic Convention.

But after the disastrous 2016 primary campaign, marred by accusations and admissions of rule-bending to outright cheating by the DNC on the behalf of Hillary Clinton, which all but negated the importance of California's primary, the Golden State has taken its rightful place closer to the head of the pack.

Sanders, ever outspoken, was

continually interrupted, by cheers from his supporters and the ubiquitous chant of "Bernie! Bernie!", sometimes to comic effect. He complained that "Donald Trump embarrasses us every day. Well, we are going to say to Trump," and as he took a breath, a fan in the crowd finished his sentence with "F\*\*\* you!" When the laughter died down, Sanders elicited a new wave of hilarity by responding "That's one way of putting it!"

Bernie raised a chorus of alto and soprano approbation when he said "The Republican Party keeps claiming they want smaller government. Well, small government begins with the fact that it is a woman's right to control her body, not the government's."

He went on to promise to nominate only Supreme Court Justices who backed the Roe v. Wade decision that struck down anti-abortion laws decades ago, but which, as Bernie stated, is in danger of being overturned by a Court packed with right-wing, faux-religious justices, several of which hardly deserve the title, and at least two of whom stand accused by multiple women of rape or attempted rape.

The Sanders campaign relies on grass-roots populism and small fund-raising, in contrast to every other campaign (except Bernie's 2016 attempt to unseat Hillary Clinton in the primaries) since Gene McCarthy's 1968 campaign, need in this country," he said.



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**Large turnout:** A crowd of nearly 5000 people waits in a line early in the morning at Valley View High School, eager to get into the rally and show their support for Bernie Sanders. The rally was held on Friday Feb. 21, 2020.

Read more at [talonmarks.com](http://talonmarks.com)

# "Beyond Measure" shines a light on successful black men achievements

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Filmmaker, business owner and professor, Ryan Hoyle, premiered his film "Beyond Measure" in the telecommunications center of Cerritos College on Feb. 20. In attendance were dozens of students and faculty, including Director of Public Affairs Maya Walker, Vice President of Academic Affairs Rick Miranda, and President/Superintendentn Jose Fierro.

The 2019 documentary short-film, "Beyond Measure" highlights varieties of black male success and achievement, expanding far beyond the pro athletes and entertainers that typically receive the most exposure.

The film features five men of color, whom each go into detail describing their background and the mindset that prepared them for the many obstacles they had to overcome. English professor Damon Cagnolatti and CC alumni Antoine "AJ" Girard were two of the five featured.

From postgraduate college students to local business owners, audiences were able to hear from a diverse group of successful black men which is all according to Hoyle's mission. "In academia, we don't really see representation



DERRICK COLEMAN/TM

**Speaking from experience:** Cerritos College English professor Damon Cagnolatti and Cerritos college alumni Antoine "AJ" Girard. talked about their experience in the film on February 20., 2020.

of black people. We want to bring that (exposure) to the community, let students see and hear from people that are where they're trying to get," they said.

After the film, Hoyle, AJ, and Cagnolatti held an open Q&A that lasted nearly two hours. The community dialogue bounced from topics both related and unrelated to the film, while the three

men willingly shared their perspectives on all questions.

Hoyle is a self taught filmmaker who has been practicing for about 10 years. He started by documenting his own travels and creating film recaps for events before also becoming a producer of other short films.

He first premiered the film on Feb. 21, 2019 at the Harkins The-

ater in Cerritos.

Hoyle is also the cofounder/co-owner of Play Nice LBC located in Long Beach. What first started as a vintage retail store transitioned into a full-service marketing and event production company. "We rent out the space for events, along with hosting our own open-mic nights and community conversations," he said.



Welcome to Gordita Eateries, the one and only food column dedicated to great food. It's time to get out of the constant food cycle and venture into a world of delectable dishes that is to your liking.

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We're back at it again with a new segment of Gordita Eateries. My goal this year is to keep my food column as close to home as possible so everyone in the community can get a chance to really get comfortable with where to go when it comes to grabbing some delicious grub.

This particular place, dead-center in the heart of Downey, has a menu that can make your eyes bigger than your stomach.

I'm talking about an endless number of incredible dishes that are all over the world.

Their specialty you ask? Let me show you.

The focaccia chicken panini is a dish that calls to garlic and pesto lovers who are up for an appetizing journey.

Imagine a scrumptious panini to enjoy on their outside patio on a nice sunny day right next to a tranquil waterfall that will unquestionably create bona fide vibes.

In all, the panini itself was the highlight of the entire dish with its flat oven-baked Italian style focaccia bread whose texture is very similar to pizza dough.

The bread is embellished with



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**A must-have:** Focaccia chicken panini served with seasonal fruit and their natural cut potatoes. It is definitely one to try with it's delicious pesto sauce, Monterey jack cheese, and freshly sliced tomatoes.

fragrant herbs which ties in the plump sweet tomato, purple onion, and white Monterey jack cheese whose soft flavor tames the pesto spread which is embellished on the inside of toasted bread.

There are many side options for any of your meals. I paired my panini with their special house-cut fries that go great together with ranch and seasonal fruit, perfectly ending my meal altogether.

A new twist to pastrami sandwiches are expected to make people wonder if feta cheese and pastrami go well together and the correct answer is YES!

This was a dish where I had to think twice about ordering, solemnly due to the fact that feta cheese was present in a pastrami sandwich.

Every bite took me higher and higher to pure fat-girl bliss as I devoured my

sandwich that was partnered up with their in-house tomato soup and a delicious Greek feta salad.

Honestly, this sandwich completely threw me off of my sense of flavor combinations because I wasn't too sure if the feta was going to overpower the thick-cut meat. It didn't overwhelm it at all which made me enjoy this way more than I ever expected.

A plentiful amount of pickles and mustard graced the meat which made it feel like a regular classic New York-style pastrami sandwich.

In all, The Market Place Grill is certainly a place to visit when you have no idea what you want to eat, as you stand in line in awe with your mouth wide open thinking what the hell to get.

AJ is a black artist originally from Los Angeles. He studied art history and performing arts at the prestigious Howard University in Washington D.C. In the film, AJ discusses what identity means to him, and how he directed a passion for art into service for his community. One way, he finds, is sharing successful men in art like Basquiat

"I feel like oftentimes we try to fit ourselves into a narrative that wasn't designed for us to fit into," says AJ, "Your ability to imagine a possibility is helped by familiarity, seeing someone that looks like you occupying the space you want."

AJ spoke in support of a community center called The Underground Museum in Los Angeles. He stresses the importance of these black-owned spaces as providers of activities and services for specific communities.

"Public and city-owned community centers don't see themselves as culturally significant spaces. We believe the specifics are the most essential parts."

The event also had a buffet for visitors that consisted of meatloaf and cornbread. The documentary is available for viewing anytime on YouTube.com ("Beyond Measure- Cerritos College BHM).

## CLONE WARS SEASON SEVEN EPISODE ONE A GREAT RETURN TO

### FORM

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### Review

Episode one of the seventh season of the Clone Wars is a true return to form and fantastic way to start off the new and final season.

It has been six years since season six ending on a cliffhanger with no word of a new season to finish telling the tale.

But at San Diego Comic Con 2018 Disney/Lucasfilms announced the continuation and final season will be coming to their streaming service Disney+.

Now that the first episode is out does it live up to the expectations of many fans of the show?

This season mostly takes place closer to the beginning of Revenge of The Sith. As the Clone Wars is nearing the end of conflict, Anakin Skywalker and Mace Windu leads a group of clones to guard and protect a Republic Ship yard by Admiral Trench of the Separatist alliance.

With trying to stop the

## Gordita Eateries: The Marketplace Grill Cafe

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## Plastics and Composites Department & Young Joon Kwak presents 'Dilectio' at Cerritos College Art Gallery



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LA-based artist, Young Joon Kwak is presenting 'Dilectio' art exhibiton at the Cerritos College Artist-in-Residence Gallery from Feb. 10 through March 13.

James Mac Devitt, Director/Curator of the Cerritos College Art Gallery and Professor of Art History and Visual/Cultural studies, explained that the Artist-in-Residence program allows for artists outside of campus to come in and collaborate on a project with one of the departments in the technology division.

Devitt explained how the residency introduces art students to the idea that they can produce work with different materials, "you can make art with paint and ceramics but you can also make it with resin, metal, and wood, there is no reason why we should limit ourselves," he said.

"The art residency allows us to teach art students that they can expand their skills sets and allows us to introduce the technology students to a different way of thinking about the materials that they are already working with," said Devitt.

This year they collaborated with plastics and composites, and one of the artists selected by the committee was Young Joon Kwak's project which plays with the idea of plasticity of a body.

"Dilectio," the Latin root of the word dildo, also refers to delight, pleasure and love.

Kwak has been a professional artist for about 10 years. She got interested in creating art due to the lack of representation in visual culture/media and wanted to create the things she wanted to see in the world.

Kwak got inspiration from her own experience being trans and exploring 'non-normative' bodies to create art pieces that challenges the different standards of sex and gender.

'Surveillance Mirror Vaginis Ill, 2020,' shows a mirror coming out of the vagina with hands around the surveillance mirror that are casts of some of Kwak's' queer and trans friends.

"I started incorporating surveillance mirrors in my work at the time when there was a lot of transgender bathroom bills going on, and a lot of surveilling, policing of peoples bodies, and disagreements of gender and the kind of bathrooms you can use based on your actual selves versus what your genitals look like," said Kwak.

Another art piece is 'Flesh Columns, 2020,' which are drawings of the interior of vagina replica male sex toy.

"They are marketed as looking and feeling like real vaginas but clearly they are geared towards men desires, you think about how limited peoples views of bodies are but then you look at all the crazy shit that's being mass manufactured that's supposed to be some kind of standard for bodies," said Kwak.

Read more at [Talonmarks.com](http://Talonmarks.com)



ROCIO VALDEZ/TM

**Plasticity of the body:** Young Joon Kwak, LA-based artist, is presenting 'Dilectio' art exhibiton at Cerritos College. 'Surveillance Mirror Vaginis Ill, 2020,' by Young Joon Kwak. It is an art piece that shows a mirror coming out of the vagina which plays with the idea of plasticity of a body and will be kept on display until March 13, 2020.

## "We Are Here: Contemporary Art and Asian Voices in Los Angeles" art exhibition coming soon to USC Pacific Asia Museum

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Rebecca Hall, assistant curator at the USC Pacific Asia Museum located in Pasadena, discussed details about the upcoming exhibition "We Are Here: Contemporary Art and Asian Voices in Los Angeles" during the Visual and Cultural Studies Lecture at Cerritos College on Feb. 20.

This exhibition features seven female contemporary LA based artists of diverse Asian Pacific heritages: Reanne Estrada, Phung Huynh, Ann Le, Ahree Lee, Kaoru Mansou, Mei Xian Qiu, and Si-chong Xie.

"I think it is important for us to do exhibitions that are historic or traditional, but contemporary is important to do because otherwise the story ends and is in our interest to represent that," Hall said.

The art pieces in this exhibition are inspired by each individual artists lives and family histories that tell the stories about experiences and heritage.

During the presentation, Hall spoke about each of the artists and showed the students a glimpse of the art and the unique stories of each artists work.

The gallery is an exhibition that includes a variety of media and

styles including painting, photography, and video.

Hall shared that she found the artists through Google, she combined her love for research to look up artists whose art she found fascinating.

Hall expressed she is happy for how the exhibition turned out and hopes for the students to know that, "Representation matters, there are so many voices and different people that make art who have a lot to say. There are amazing people doing amazing art that may not fit what we think of," she said.

Art History Professor, Lisa Vitela, who is teaching an Asian art

history class and introduction to visual and cultural studies invited Dr. Rebecca Hall to share details about the exhibition and about the artistfor students to see and hear more.

.Vitela also mentioned that she always encourages her students to visit museums, "I hope that lectures like these make visiting the museum less intimidating and something that they feel they know more about and prepared when they go to visit," she said.

Read more at [Talonmarks.com](http://Talonmarks.com)



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**Phung Huynh:** Curator, Rebecca Hall, discussed details about the upcoming exhibition "We Are Here: Contemporary Art and Asian Voices in Los Angeles." The presentation took place during the Visual and Cultural Studies Lecture at Cerritos College on Feburary 20.

### Weekly Quote

If you can't fly, then  
run.

If you cant run, then walk.

If you can't walk, then  
crawl.

But by all means,  
keep moving.

Martin Luther King Jr.

### Weekly Goals

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### Twitter



What would you like to see more of? Tweet us using [#talonmarks](https://twitter.com/talonmarks) to let us know!

### Weather

WED	THUR	FRI
81 F	87 F	84 F
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy

### Upcoming Events

Feb. 26 Spring 2020 recital  
11:00 a.m.  
Burnight Center -51

Feb. 10 - Mar. 13  
Biomythography: Making Visible  
Cerritos College Art Gallery

Feb. 10 - Mar. 13  
Young Joon Kwak: Dilectio  
Cerritos College Art Gallery

Feb. 24 - Mar. 6  
Window Dressing  
Jody Zellen:  
THE HUMAN TOUCH  
Cerritos College Art Gallery

Feb. 28, 29, Mar. 5,6,7 at 8 p.m.  
Mar. 8, at 2 p.m.  
The Caucasian Chalk Circle  
Burnight Studiio Theatre

Artist attack on the shipyard  
Commander Cody and  
Captain Rex gets the help of  
the Force 99 otherwise known  
as the "bad batch," four clone  
troopers who were born with  
genetic mutations that enhances  
their skills becoming the repub-  
lican best batch of clone to get the  
job done.

Both clone leaders have to  
deal with these four clones to  
survive the attack and protect their  
planet and uncover the reason as  
to why the droid army keeps on  
predicting their armies  
movements.

The story for this episode is  
about getting straight to the point  
and getting right into the action and  
introducing us to the final battles of  
the clone wars. It also gives some  
background to Captain Rex  
and his struggle of not wanting  
to be anymore soldiers.

The new clone troopers were  
introduced in the series with  
each of the four having unique  
personalities and different traits  
making them a great addition to  
the series and the Star Wars  
franchise.

The good thing about this series  
is that it's an anthology series  
where anyone can watch any episode  
without having to know or watch  
previous episodes. It's perfect  
for casual audiences that don't  
have time to watch any  
previous episodes to catch up  
on the show.

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## EDITORIAL ENDORSMENT

# Feel the Bern: Vote Bernie 2020

We, the Editorial Board at Talon Marks newspaper, are proud to endorse Bernie Sanders for President.

Sanders is no stranger to standing up for what he believes is right for the American people, in 1964 Chicago Sanders alongside 159 others were arrested during a series of demonstrations protesting segregation in public schools. As a congressman for the state of Vermont, he consistently stood up for the civil rights of the LGBTQ+ community, along with passing/proposing legislation that supports them.

Sanders has been very vocal about how we, young adults, are the future of the United States. One of his most appealing policies is College for All.

Bernie Sanders calls on the country to take immediate action. He seeks to strengthen and empower the individual no matter the demographic.

He sets goals and milestones once perceived as unattainable, but now appear more in reach than ever before. His outstanding leadership is and always has been what sets Bernie apart from other politicians. Rather than use his rhetoric to separate and divide Americans.

**College for All:** Senator Sanders is adamant about wanting to make college education more accessible and free for all. He is fighting for debt-free education, free public colleges, universities, HBCUs, Minority Serving Institutions and all trade-schools.

Nearly 45 million Americans still face student debt, totaling around \$1.6 trillion. As president, Sanders will cancel all student loan debt and place a cap on student loan interest rates going forward at 1.88 percent.

He plans to pay for this plan as part of his Wall Street speculation tax, which according to his campaign website, will generate over \$2.4 trillion dollars in just ten years.

He believes that if taxpayers had to bail out the same Wall Street firms that collapsed the housing market in 2008, then Wall Street can pay for a 0.5% tax on all stock trades.

Sanders plans to end equity gaps in higher education attainment and ensure students are able to cover non-tuition costs of attending school by: expanding Pell Grants to cover non-tuition and fee costs, tripling funding for the Work-Study Program, and more.

Another vision that has gained our support is Sanders' message of "Healthcare as a Human Right" in the form of Medicare For All. **Medicare for All:** Bernie Sanders' Medicare for All proposal, which will enact a single-payer national health insurance program will provide health insurance to all Americans including more than 30 million people who still have no insurance. Sanders wants to relinquish the burden of medical costs, which is the number one cause of bankruptcy in the US.

While other Democratic candidates have made their own proposals, like Buttigieg's "Medicare for all who want it," Sanders still stands out with his comprehensive national health care plan that promises complete coverage. As someone who "wrote the damn bill," it's a good bet that Sanders knows his own policy quite well and can see its implementation through with the support of grassroots organizing and a unified party.

A common concern shared by voters is how Sanders plans to pay for Medicare for All. He first plans to add a tax on Wall Street speculation, removing offshore tax loopholes through the Tax Dodging Prevention Act, and removing the cap on Social Security payroll taxes, generating more income into the program from millionaires and billionaires.

In addition, Sanders cites the fact that the US pays much more

per person on prescription drugs than any other major country. This motivated him to construct ways to also lower the price of prescription drug prices by negotiating with drug companies, helping patients buy prescription drugs from other countries and creating a standard median drug price through the Prescription Drug Price Relief Act.

Healthcare matters little as long as human existence is threatened by the ongoing climate crisis.

**Green New Deal:** Senator Sanders' policy on combating climate change focuses on moving away from fossil fuels entirely, along with creating 20 million jobs and investing in the conservation and protection of public lands and forests. His arguments are coherent, specific and offer the nation a principled defense against the climate crisis.

Sanders promises to declare climate change a national emergency. He will protect the environment in launching the Green New Deal which seeks to implement 100% renewable energy in the United States by 2030. Under Sanders, the United States will rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement, along with reinstating protective agencies defunded or destroyed by the Trump administration.

President Trump has made it very clear that he has no plan to move away from fossil fuels, no plan to combat rising sea levels, no plan to protect and care for the current and future victims of climate disasters. He has made it very clear that he thinks climate change in general is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese, completely ignoring the countless warnings of 97% of the scientific community. For the sake of natural habitats in oceans and wildlife thriving in the US, we cannot subject the country to four more years of lifted protections and deregulated pollution.

In contrast to increasing en-



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vironmental regulations, Senator Sanders wants to end the long-standing policies of criminalizing black and brown communities through the War on Drugs.

**Marijuana Legalization and Decarceration:** Since his initial 2016 campaign bid, Sanders has promised to legalize marijuana and use the tax revenue from that market to support the communities hurt most by the war on drugs. In addition to legalization, Sanders will also use his power of office to "Vacate and expunge all

past marijuana-related convictions." He aims to release the thousands of men and women convicted of nonviolent drug offenses.

Senator Sanders is facing widespread attacks from powerful people across the media in subtle and disingenuous ways. We encourage voters to listen to his message and decide for themselves which candidate has a sincere vision of moving the United States forwards in this crucial historical moment.

## Free Speech Zone

What policies and topics do you feel that presidential candidates should place the most focus on?

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"I don't think climate change is the most important thing to address because I see all issues as equal."



Oscar Guevara  
Automotive Major

"Immigration based on what I see most, especially in la county with the diversity."



Dana Zamora  
Environmental Science Major

"I think climate change should be the focus, and especially the reduction of plastic as well as ocean cleanup efforts."

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Lay Up: Freshman Guard No. 2, Joshua "Juice" Belvin helps Falcons defeat Compton College. The men's basketball team played Compton at Cerritos College on Feb.19, 2020

# Men's basketball team soars over Compton

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The Cerritos College men's basketball team defeated Compton College with a final score of 78-61. The Falcons won their 27 Conference Championship in program history, this being the third in a row.

The Falcons now have an overall record of 19-8 and a league record 8-1.

Forward Jaishon Forte, No.11, scored 15 points while dominating the glass, grabbing 23 rebounds and three assists during his 31 minutes in Wednesday's game.

Forte explains what led to him getting 23 rebounds "Just coming out with a little more energy than my last game, I was a little bit sluggish in the beginning."

The Falcons had an overall rebound total of 55 during the game.

One of Forte's big shots was a put back layup in the second half which put the Falcons up 41-26.

Forte's teammate, guard No.2, Joshua "Juice" Belvin had a stat line of 16 points and five steals in 26 minutes coming off the bench in Wednesday's game.

The Falcons bench (non starter players) out scored Compton's bench by 22 points.

Belvin wants Falcons fans to know "We had a lot of revenge because last time Compton beat us by 30 [points] at their house and [we] smacked them in the mouth."

Belvin scored in transition and got fouled, making the free throw to help the Falcons catch up to Compton.

Early in the first half Falcons found themselves struggling against Compton.

In the game there was only one lead change but the game was tied five times.

The Falcons were looking forward to working on their offensive transitions otherwise known as fast breaks.

The Falcons scored 10 fast break points in the game.

The team has very talented freshman players one of them being, No.20 forward, Dorian Harris. He scored 14 points grabbing seven rebounds and going five for five from the free throw line in 23 minutes.

Harris' biggest shot came in the first half, when he scored a put back buzzer beater to put the Falcons up 43-26 at halftime.

The Falcons' biggest lead in the game came at the second half, being up by 23 points with four minutes and 12 seconds left in the game.

With the big win over Compton, coach Russell May and the players are now eyeing the playoff game against Ventura College on Friday.

Fans should keep an eye on sophomore guard No.1, Jalen Washington who scored 11 points, grabbed four rebounds, three assist and went seven for seven at the free throw line.

"A lot of these freshman are growing up before our eyes; and I think they are really bonding to-

gether, and closely trusting each other and we are a tough team to beat," May said.

With the loss to Southwest on Feb. 21 the Falcons men's basketball team has to share the Conference Championship title with Southwest College.

The Falcons will enter the first round of playoffs with a home game on Friday, where they will be up against Ventura College with tip-off at 7 p.m.

## Falcons baseball win first conference game vs East Los Angeles

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In a fierce and contentious back and forth game, the Cerritos College Falcons defeated the Huskies with a score of 4-3.

They received a good game out of starting pitcher, freshman David Hays and Richard Castro, sophomore No.17, was able to drive in three across the plate.

Hays started the top half of the first with a scoreless inning as the Huskies go down scoreless.

In the home half, the Falcons wasted no time in getting on the board after Alex Bueno, No. 3 and Andres Vega, No. 15 got on base.

Castro brought the pair in after hitting a two-out single.

At the end of the first inning, the score was 2 -0 for the Falcons.

As starting pitcher Hays, continues to make the Huskies light work through the first four innings of pitches.

The same cannot be said about the fifth inning where he allowed six players to the plate, with five consecutive singles, which brought the score up to a 2-2 tie game.

After getting the second out and getting the third, via a fly out to end the top half of the inning. Hays would continue on in the game as the team's designated hitter on the mound.

At the end of the top half of the fifth inning, the score remained tied at two apiece.

In the bottom half of the fifth frame, Buck Anderson, sophomore No. 2, got the ball moving as he hit a double, but was caught trying to stretch it out to get to third base.

Vega immediately responded by hitting a single, which is followed up with Bueno being hit by a pitch.

Hays remained in the game as the DH, but was immediately walked loading the bases up for Castro.

He went to react and break the stalemate, hitting an infield single making the score 3-2 as Vega scores.

Martinez hit a fly out allowing Bueno to tag up and score as the Falcons led 4-2.

Read more at [Talonmarks.com](http://Talonmarks.com)

## Sports Schedule

Basketball	Track & Field	Tennis
Men's Home Playoff Game: • Feb 28 vs Ventura at 7p.m.	Men & Women's Home Meets: • Feb. 27 Cerritos Decathlon at 1p.m. • Feb. 28 Cerritos Decathlon at 10a.m.	Women's Home Games: • Feb. 27 vs El Camino at 2p.m. • Feb.28 vs Santa Barbara at 2p.m.
Softball	Baseball	Swimming & Diving
Home Games: • Feb. 27 vs El Camino at 3p.m.	Home Games: Feb. 27 vs El Camino 2p.m.	Men's & Women's Home Meets: • Feb.28 vs LBCC & Chaffey at 10a.m.

# Women's basketball secures win in close game against Compton College

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The women's basketball team won a close game against Compton College on Feb. 19 with sophomore guard No. 2, Mariah Lora scoring a career-high of 24 points for the Falcons securing the win with a score of 61-57.

Cerritos held the lead in the first half of the game. Lora scored four three-pointers in total and led the team to a 33-24 early advantage at the end of the second quarter.

The game became close, turning into a "battle of free throws," when the team then lost the lead in the third quarter due to multiple two-point shots and free throws scored by Compton.

Falcons' sophomore guard No. 13, Sarah Hernandez stated that Compton's top players to watch out for were No. 11 Andrae Powns, No. 22 Norma Revolorio and No. 30 Niea Ulmer.

Ulmer brought Compton up



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**Hook Shot:** The women's basketball team secures the win against Compton College. Guard Mariah Lora goes for a hook shot against the team on Feb. 19, 2020.

by eight points, catching the team up to Cerritos' lead and assisting them in changing the score to 44-43 in their favor.

"I think we should have clamped down a little bit more on the go-to player," Cerritos College Coach Trisha Kozlowski said in regard to the third quarter. "Just containing them [better] when they went on their two or three or four field goal [attempts]."

Cerritos ended the third quarter with a score of 47-44, making free throws and team composure essential to winning the game.

"I feel we kept our composure. That was the main thing we had to do to win," Hernandez said, explaining that key adjustments instilled in the second half of the game was keeping cool. "We kind of lost our calm a little bit."

"Overall, I thought we kind of

figured them out and at least we boarded," Kozlowski said, "We won the boards and that's what really kept us in the game and got us to the win."

Fans of the Falcons watched anxiously as the minutes went by in the fourth quarter.

Lora and Hernandez assisted in bringing Cerritos up again to 51-44, but Compton quickly recovered when its players Revolo-

rio and Powns tightened the gap at 51-50.

At that point, any free throw made by Compton could have cost the Falcons their win.

The teams exchanged points in free throws but Cerritos' defense secured rebounds and kept the opponents from scoring including No. 21, freshman guard, Precious Yereña's fight for her own rebounds.

In regard to these free throws, Kozlowski said, "Precious went one for four but she made one that really mattered because it put us up four points."

"For a free throw line, we made them when they counted," she added.

Ultimately, it was Yereña and Lora that secured the win with a score of 61-57 in the final seconds of the close game.

"Any time you get into a tight game, it's a learning experience for our young kids," Kozlowski said.

"We got a bunch of freshman who will be returning next year and any time that they're in a tight game, they're gonna get more and more experience so they'll feel more composed every game next year."

## Kincaid Field still needs lights. Why haven't they fixed this?

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### Sports Opinion

The lighting system around the baseball field at Cerritos College is a joke and doesn't seem like it has much, if any, importance to the decision-makers on campus.

The Falcons baseball team had to postpone a game due to the lack of lighting at Kincaid Field.

No collegiate sport should have to be postponed for nine days before the game is finalized.

It can just be a simple mistake but at this moment it comes off as straight nefarious self-sabotaging.

That, along with the sprinklers being left on overnight, makes it seem like administrators have a bone to pick with the baseball team and coaching staff.

Can it just be a case of bad luck?

It can; stranger things have happened.

But let's take the game against Golden West College, for example.

It originally began on Feb. 4 and it was postponed due to lack of lighting until the following Thursday.

The Falcons went on to close that story, but there is one more that remains open: the need for floodlights just beyond the fence.



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ing.

The issue has been talked about for a few years now and yet still there has been no change.

Talk about a huge disappointment!

Unfortunately, it will continue to happen while nothing is done to address the problem.

One can only hope that the administration will fix the situation and the baseball team will be able to finish a game in one day, but you won't be hearing of it happening anytime soon.

It's been two years since Talon Marks wrote a news article on the lack of lighting affecting the team

in the 2018 season and nothing has changed since then.

Let us not forget about the game that had to be "rescheduled" due to the sprinkler system being on overnight and flooding the field.

Sure, it can just be a preseason game and seen as "not that important," but it is almost fairly certain that the game was a substantial waste of time and effort from the players and the staff.

The Cerritos Falcons and the opposing teams who drive out to our school expecting to play a good game are forced to stop early because our baseball field isn't

equipped properly.

Fairly sure that it meant a lot to them, so administration, give them the respect they need in order for them to succeed.

Let the games end when they are supposed to end.

According to facilities manager Shannon Kaveney, each coach has been asked about the need for lighting and every time they ask the incoming coaches if they were open to installing lights over Kincaid Field, they were met with an answer of "no."

The reasoning throughout the years is simple.

Kaveney said installing the lights to the stadium built in the 60's would open up the possibility of the field being rented out.

The coaches clearly have not wanted that through the decades.

So, who is to blame here?

Having the "balls of blame" being passed down from the administration to the coaching staff, I think it is best if we leave Kincaid Field untouched for now.

The coaching staff doesn't want outside organizations coming to campus and in a sense ruining the field the Falcons play in.

According to Razorlux Lighting, professional stadium lights range from \$40,000 to \$70,000 per unit. Cerritos College would definitely have to pay a significant sum to add lights to both the softball and baseball field.

Right after they play, the Falcons do their part in maintaining and up-keeping the integrity of the field.

It does benefit both the team and the school's athletic department if the floodlights were installed. The team would not have to postpone games and the incoming revenue from opening the field up for outside organizations to rent, can be used to help improve other necessities around campus.

A premature ending to a game is never good, no one watches sports for cliffhangers. These games are sorry continuations of old competitions.

In nine days, players can improve or become injured, and there's no guarantee that either team will face the same pitcher the second time. It's changes the whole dynamic of the game.

Not only that, but night games are better attended and allow more flexibility for schedules

As far as the sprinkler system mishap, Kaveney says, that falls on the baseball staff itself.

He cites their unfamiliarity with the watering around campus being run by individual timers. Due to the coaching staff being new, they were simply not aware of how to program the system properly.

Thus the resulting postponement.